PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION DIRECTIVE

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER		DATE	February 27, 2020
MOTOR CARRIER MATTER		DOCKET NO.	2019-226-Е
UTILITIES MATTER	✓	ORDER NO.	2020-158

THIS DIRECTIVE SHALL SERVE AS THE COMMISSION'S ORDER ON THIS ISSUE.

SUBJECT:

<u>DOCKET NO. 2019-226-E</u> - <u>South Carolina Energy Freedom Act (House Bill 3659) Proceeding Related to S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-37-40 and Integrated Resource Plans for Dominion Energy South Carolina, Incorporated</u> - Staff Presents for Commission Consideration South Carolina Solar Business Alliance, Incorporated's Request to Take Any Action It Deems Necessary to Preempt a Premature Filing by Dominion Energy South Carolina, Incorporated of Its 2020 IRP.

COMMISSION ACTION:

Upon review of the comments regarding the implementation of the IRP requirements of Act 62, I move that we deny the request for a generic docket. Such action will result in the filing by Dominion Energy South Carolina of its annual updated Integrated Resource Plan on February 28, 2020 without delaying the implementation of the Act 62 requirements. Once the utility files its IRP, parties shall have the opportunity to participate and be heard in this matter, including any discovery issues related to evaluation and review of the IRP.

I further move that we appoint Jo Anne Wessinger Hill as the hearing officer in this docket. There are already parties to this docket, and a procedural schedule should be established to aid the parties and the Commission in the review of the IRP. Therefore, any party of record desiring to assist in the development of a procedural schedule may request a scheduling conference or scheduling meeting within seven (7) calendar days from the date that the utility files its IRP to provide their input on the procedural schedule. Any requested scheduling conference or scheduling meeting should be held within fifteen (15) days of the filing date of the IRP. Thereafter, the hearing officer is instructed to set the procedural schedule regardless of whether there is input from the parties

The procedural schedule shall include, but is not limited to, deadlines for discovery, motions, pre-filed testimony and prehearing/pre-trial matters related to the hearing on Dominion's Integrated Resource Plan to be scheduled during the first week of October 2020 or as soon thereafter as the Clerk's Office can schedule a hearing on merits. Nothing shall prohibit any party from engaging in discovery prior to issuance of a procedural schedule.

In reviewing the requested comments of the interested stakeholders, I recognize there are concerns that possible guidelines could clarify commonalities between each utility's annual IRP filings. However, I believe and therefore find that it is early in this new process, and the IRP provisions of Act 62 should be implemented. Act 62 provides the list of matters to be included in the IRP. The promulgation of a regulation pursuant to Section 58-37-40(E) may be appropriate in the future.

PRESIDING:	<u>Randall</u>				SESSION: Reg	<u>ular</u>	TIME:	2:00 p.m.
	MOTION	YES	NO	OTHER				
BELSER	✓	✓						
ERVIN		✓						
HAMILTON		✓						
HOWARD		✓						
RANDALL		✓						
WHITFIELD		✓						
WILLIAMS				<u>Absent</u>	Military Leave			
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